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MEMORANDUM FOR: EE, Administration

SUBJECT : Entertainment Allowance

REFERENCE : Memo dtd 10 Aug 53 for A-GC fr EE/ADMIN, subject:
"Request for Legal Interpretation"

1. With the referenced memorandum you forwarded a file concerning supplies of beer to enlisted men on operational bivouac and asked for interpretation of the term, "Special Services" in the Regulation on entertainment.

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2. I have discussed this with [REDACTED] and believe that the beer situation is not one which is subject to the entertainment regulation or, in fact, to any specific CIA regulation. The regulation concerning entertainment and the related prohibitions against entertainment of U. S. officials only is directed to very different circumstances. In general, I think the regulation is clear on the purposes for which entertainment is permissible and the exemption for American officials. "Special Services" is a catch-all referring to situations which have arisen from time to time where a person not a Government employee is in a position to be of real service to a proper CIA activity and performs this service wittingly at considerable trouble to himself, but wants no direct compensation. Out-of-pocket expenses, of course, can be reimbursed to such a person, and under certain circumstances an appropriate amount of entertainment has been approved. These situations should be and are looked at with a critical eye and require precise justification.

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General Counsel

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